Remembering the 1940s and 1950s

A CALENDAR FOR 1997

Illustrated with photos of memorable scenes and people
of the Post-War Era, 1946 to 1959

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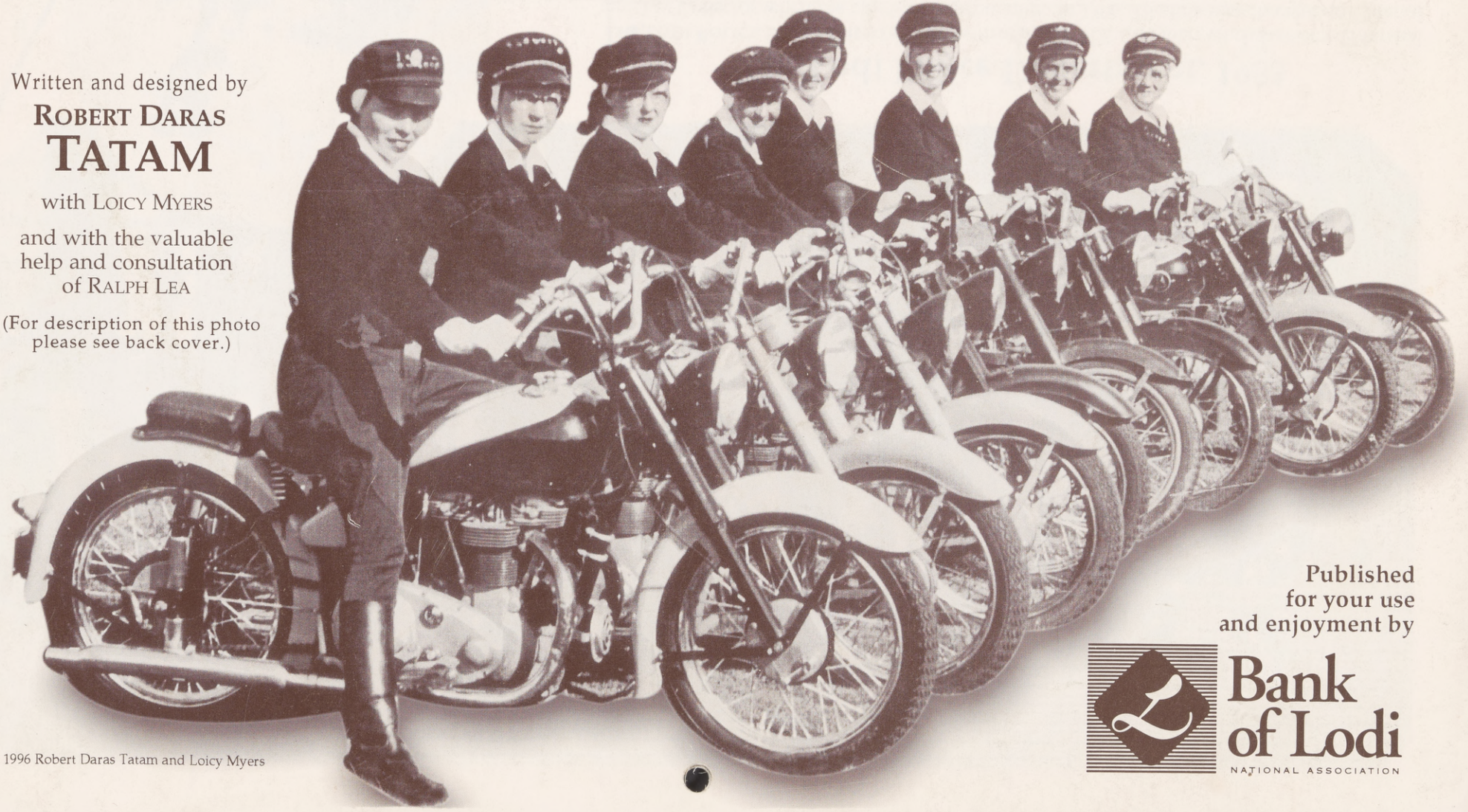

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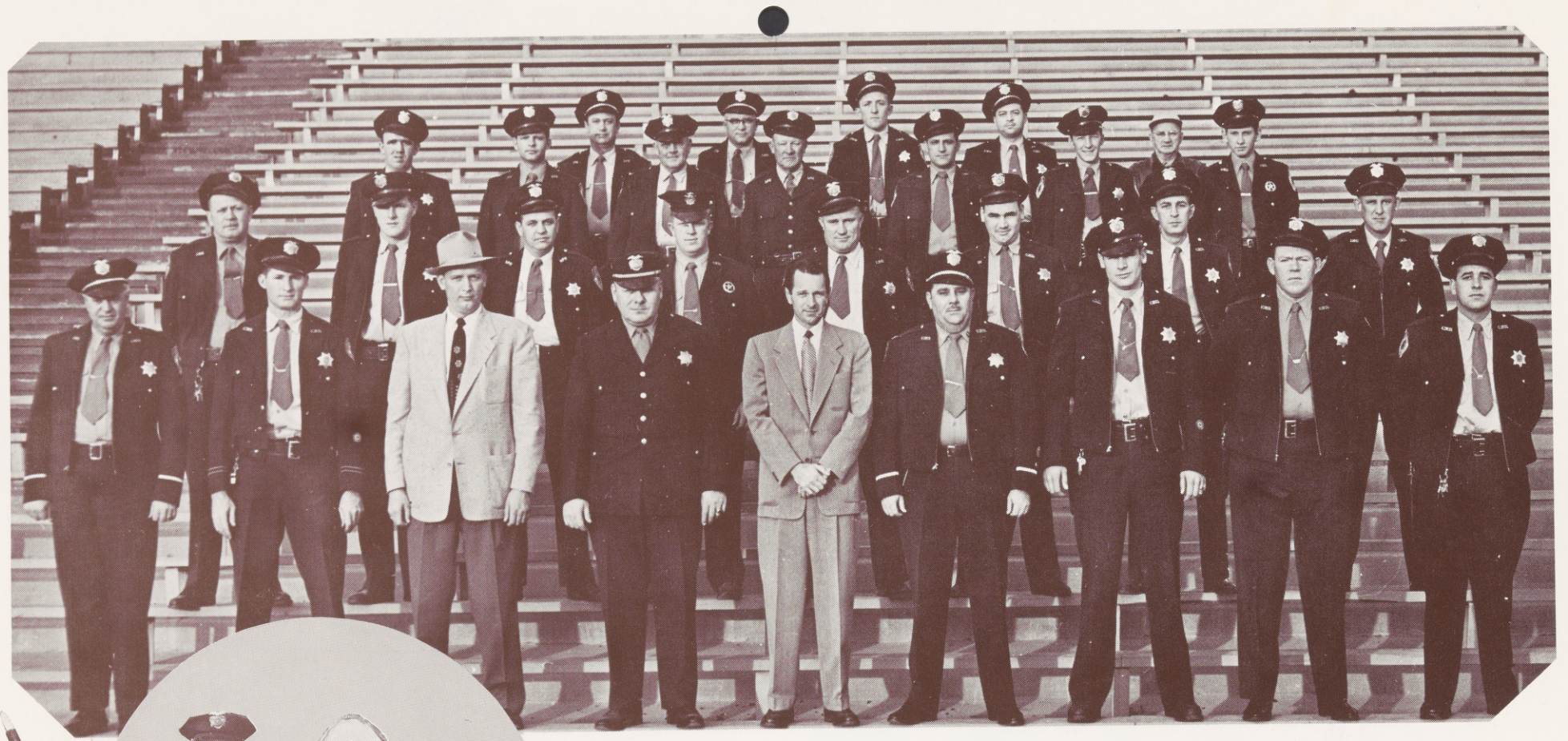

The Lodi Police Department, 1953

The Lodi Police Department started with one man, H.B. Coleman, who was elected Marshal and Tax Collector when the city was incorpoarated in 1906. The title was changed to Chief of Police in 1927. By 1953, when the above picture was taken, there were 29 members of Lodi's all-male force. **Front row** (left to right): H.F. Broderick, chief clerk; Ed Ehrhardt, identification officer; Miles Sperling, detective; Fred R. Hunt, chief of police; Doug Weller, city manager; R.C. "Pat" Coon, captain; Marc Yates, officer, and Virgil Raggi, officer. **Second row:** J.C. Jungling, officer; Dick English, officer; Dick Gruber, officer, and Charles Grentz, officer. **Third row:** Lee Wagner, officer; Charles Wentland, officer; Russ French, juvenile officer; Ralph Boyd, officer; Jim Brunson, officer; Norman Mauch, officer, and Bill Webb, clerk. **Back row:** Al Schnabel, sergeant; Ted Suess, sergeant; Al Cross, sergeant; Emil Kesler, sergeant, and Forrest Cooper, poundmaster. Not shown: Bill Humphrey, clerk. Several of these men were promoted to chief of police at various times in ensuing years. Officer Wentland later became a district supervisor for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Officer Boyd, shown at left on his three-wheeler, became a public hero in August 1955 when he wrote out a parking ticket for an S.P. train that blocked an intersection for 40 minutes. As a result, the railroad quit blocking intersections for long periods.

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26	27	28	29	30	31	*Start 1997 off right—* open an IRA.

Remember the Old Carnegie Library?

THE OLD PUBLIC LIBRARY at Pleasant Avenue and Pine Street was a familiar place to Lodi residents for 69 years, from 1910 to 1979. The library had started as a reading room on Sacramento Street in 1901, maintained by the Lodi Library Association and the Women's Improvement Club. Thanks to a Carnegie grant for $10,000 and other donations, the library building was constructed. It opened on February 12, 1910. As Lodi grew, so did the library. In 1928 a children's room, auditorium, and stack room were added. Additional stack rooms were constructed in 1951. This photo was taken that year, when the library was celebrating its 50th anniversary. The people shown (left to right) are Isabel Reynolds, senior librarian; Mrs. Philip Knight (hidden behind Mrs. Reynolds); Virginia Newcomb, assistant librarian (at the dating machine); Nellie Cooper, children's librarian (at the card files), and Amy Boynton, head librarian. After Lodi's big new library opened on Locust Street on April 4, 1979, most of the shelving and furnishings of the old library were sold at auction. The multi-sided book check-out desk shown in the picture was sold for about $2,000—and became a wet bar in a private home. The old library building is still familiar to Lodians; it is now used for city council meetings.

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"Annie Get Your Gun" Was a Big Hit with Lodi Audiences

ONE OF THE LARGEST PRODUCTIONS ever staged in Lodi was Irving Berlin's hit musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," a comical, fictionalized biography of Annie Oakley. It was presented by the senior class of Lodi Union High School to enthusiastic audiences on March 5 and 6, 1959. Joyce Henderson excelled in the role originated by Mary Martin, and Jim Mumbert did a great job as costar, according to local newspaper accounts. The couple headed a cast of 65. A photographer was able to assemble most of the players for this picture. **Front row** (left to right): Dale Mantelli, Rex Inglis, Lyle Kranick, Burt Shoup, Gary Feikert, Julie Henderson, Joyce Henderson, Pamela Nicholson, an unidentified girl, Willi Schulz, Bob Rieger, and Bill Reis. **Second row:** Lester Poteet, Barbara Honea, Dale Stirm, Lila Faber, Frank Bersi, Sandy Tempel, Jim Mumbert, Dave Harmon, Jerry Hieb, Nikki Nicholson, Boyd Ferguson, Candy Nies, Paul Dick, and Jean Corey. **Third row:** Harvey Bieber, Don Frazier, Mike Burgstahler, Marguerite Grabe, Margaret Ratty, Suzanne Sackett, Andy Laird, Phyllis Nusz, Gary Bohn, Lani Fowler, Barbara Schmiedt, Judy Bender, Tony Braun, Ted Pettersen, and Gerry Chambers. **Back row:** Venesa White, Dexter Vollbrecht, Fred Spitzer, Jan Cronn, Pegi Weis, Sharon Stephens, William Nakamura, Margie Stephens, Donna Papke, Ellen Blaufus, LaVonne Marek, Gerry Welch, and Grace Moore. Two faculty members shared in directing the production, Don Levy and Dorothy Mulvihill.

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon Exchange Club Annual Fundraiser: *Proudly We Hail*
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Ag Safety Day Spring Wine Show	22 Spring Wine Show
23 Palm Sunday 30 Easter Sunday	24 31	25	26	27	28 Good Friday	29 Omega Nu Lodi Casino Night

The First Guild Wine Baseball Team, 1946

Tony Zupo and Herb Handel organized a baseball team in 1946, as a successor to the pre-war Lodi Merchants team. Larry Solari and Harold Roush of the Wine Growers Guild agreed to sponsor the team. After a few practice games, the team played its first official game against the Vacaville Legion Post on Sunday, April 28. The Lodi pitcher, Augie Lippert, gave up 6 hits; the opposing pitcher gave up 15. Lodi was ahead from the second inning, when Harry Stroh hit a home run which also scored Tommy Atkins. Eddie De Benedtti had four hits out of five at-bats. Lodi won the game 8 to 2. Here is a photo of the team, taken in mid-season. **Back row** (left to right): Herb Handel, business manager; Elmer Brown, second base; Ed De Benedetti, third base and several other positions; Reno De Benedetti, utility infielder; Moon Handel, right field; Mike Clasen, left field; Verne Mettler, catcher, and Tommy Atkins, first base. **Front row:** Tony Martinez, Jr., Tony Zupo, Jr., and Ray Lippert, all bat boys; Tony Zupo, manager; Augie Lippert, pitcher; Howard Clark, third base; Rich Mettler, center field, and Tony Martinez, pitcher and right field. Not shown are outfielder Jack Melby and shortstop Harry Stroh. In their first season the Guildsmen played teams of Reno, Marysville, Atwater, Sonora, Gustine, Rio Vista, Ukiah, Yountville, and Vallejo. Tony Zupo and Herb Handel stayed with the team as managers for four decades. After 50 years, the team is still going strong. Recently it has been sponsored by M and R Packers, coached by John Nilmeyer, with Tony Zupo, Jr., as business manager.

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6 Daylight Savings Time Begins	7	8	9	10	11	12 Earth Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Lockeford/Clements Historical Tour
20	21 Passover begins at sundown	22 Bank of Lodi Annual Shareholders' Meeting	23 Professional Secretaries' Day	24	25 Stockton Asparagus Festival	26
27 Stockton Asparagus Festival	28	29	30			

Lockeford Branch *Anniversary and Open House, all week*

Professional Secretaries' Week

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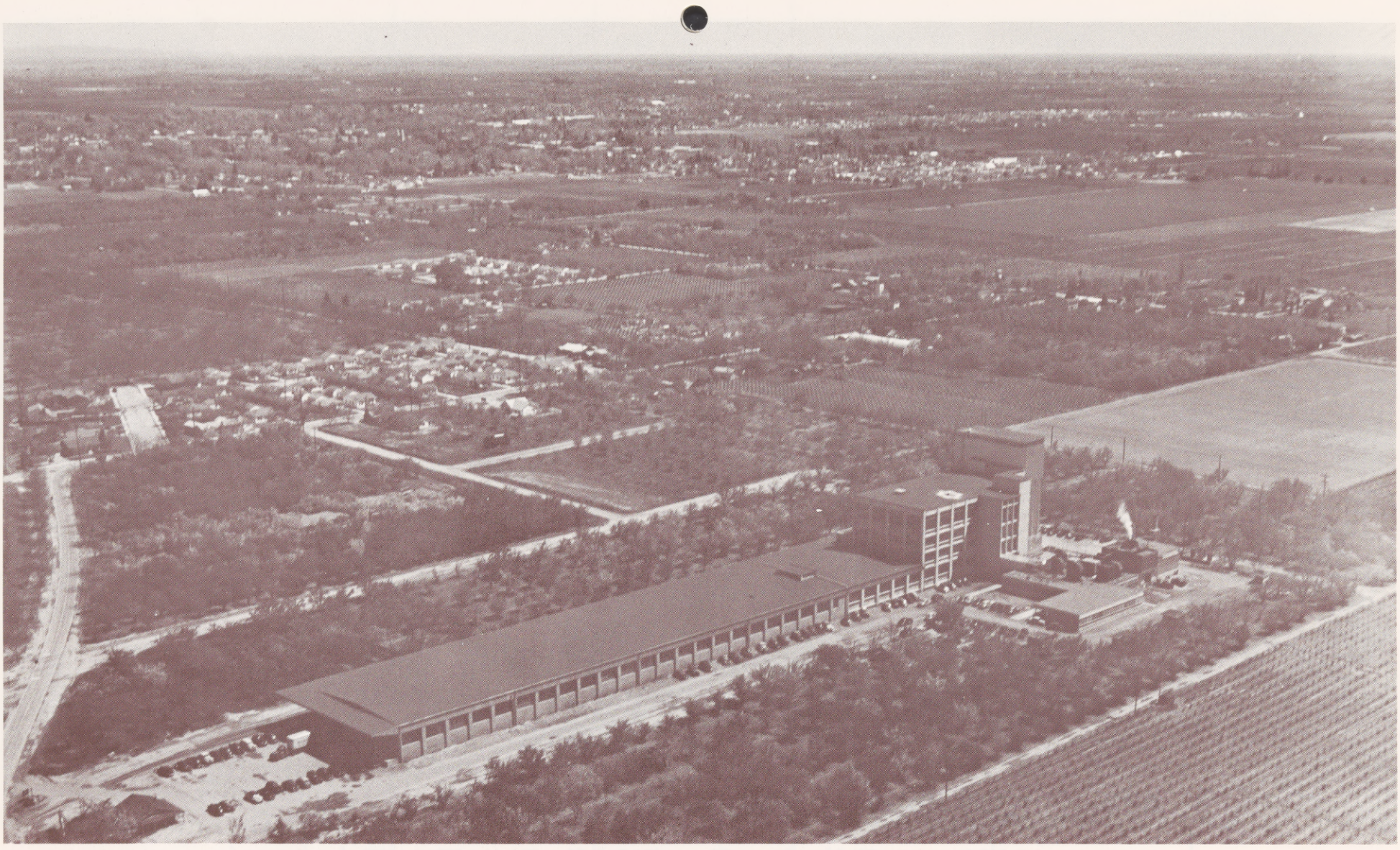

General Mills Started in 1948, Became Leading Industry

THE GENERAL MILLS PLANT in Lodi began operations in the spring of 1948. This is an aerial photo of the plant taken later that year, with residential areas of Lodi shown in the background. At the lower left is Mills Avenue, shown as it merges into Turner Road, and Lodi Lake is just outside the picture to your left. The plant was built to manufacture and package items such as Cheerios, Wheaties, and Bisquick. The cherry orchards shown on both sides of the plant and the vineyard in the foreground have since become sites of additional plant buildings and warehouses. The plant began processing and packaging the Betty Crocker line of cake mixes, frostings, and casseroles in the mid 1950s. Since 1967 the Lodi plant has been the distribution center for General Mills products for 11 western states. A unique addition to the site was a high-rise automated warehouse which was built in 1980. The first year's payroll, for 175 employees, was $750,000. There are now more than 1,000 employees and the annual payroll is well into double-digit millions, thus making General Mills the largest industry in Lodi.

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4 Clements Stampede Lodi Street Faire	5	6	7	8	9 Delta Fest & Boat Show (through May 11)	10 Spring Concert: North Valley Symphony Orchestra Walk for the Health of it
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Crime Prevention Fair	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Wine & Roses Annual Vintage Car Show and Crafts Fair	26 Memorial Day (Observed)	27	28	29	30	31

Were You in This Picture?

If you lived in northern San Joaquin County during the 1950s, you may have been among the thousands of people who attended the fabulous American Legion picnics, which were held every summer in Micke Grove Park. This photo depicts one of the variety shows presented during the 1955 picnic. The picnic went on for three days, and included several shows, fun and food booths, a carnival, and many family get-togethers. It was sponsored by Lodi Post 22 of the American Legion. Can you identify any of the people in this picture? The Legion picnics were not the only big events at Micke Grove. The Dakota Picnic, held there each year, usually in August, has brought together many former residents of North and South Dakota. It is sponsored by the Lodi Dakota Club. Incidentally, this calendar is a guide to 1997 picnics, festivals, and other local events, which are listed in the appropriate date squares.

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29	30 Crime Stoppers Annual Golf Tournament					

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Lodi Lake Before the Subdivisions

Smith's Lake (once owned by Charles E. Smith) was created in 1901 when the Stockton and Mokelumne Canal Company built a wooden dam to provide water for irrigating local farms. That dam was replaced about ten years later by a concrete dam built by the Woodbridge Irrigation District. In 1934 the City of Lodi started acquiring the lake shore and created Lodi Lake Park, one of the loveliest spots in the county, offering recreation for boaters, swimmers, and those who like to sunbathe on its sandy beach. Here is an aerial photo of the lake taken about 1950, looking north. The Mokelumne River snakes its way across the top of the picture; Lodi Lake is in the center, and Turner Road goes horizontally across the bottom, with Holly Drive coming in diagonally from the right. The General Mills plant can be seen just below this intersection. Lower Sacramento Road, vertically traversing the left side of the photo, becomes Main Street as it goes through Woodbridge. As you can see, in 1950 the lake was surrounded by farmlands, which are now occupied by some of Lodi's most attractive homes.

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Realize the American Dream with a mortgage loan from Bank of Lodi		1	2	3	4 Fourth of July Celebration Independence Day	5
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Everybody Met at Ruby's Café in the 1940s

Ruby's Café, on School Street between Pine and Oak Streets, was as much a part of the 1940s as 78-RPM records, Coke, and servicemen home on leave. This was a place where Lodi people met to exchange news and gossip, play the juke box, and enjoy dining with their friends. It was at places like Ruby's where "hash-browns" became part of the American vocabulary. Ruby's was open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. It was not a big restaurant; there were only eight booths and sixteen seats at the counter, which filled up three or four times during the lunch hour. Teenagers ordered sodas and sundaes in the afternoons. Notice the ice cream bins along the right wall. This photo shows Ruby's about noon on a busy day in 1946. Elsie Emzinger is the waitress rushing down the aisle with her hands full. Note her bobby socks. In the doorway at rear, emerging from the kitchen, is Barbara Maurer, who had worked for the original owner of the coffee shop, Ruby Kennedy, and then for George Azevedo, who bought it in 1946. The lady in the right foreground has a popular hairstyle of the 1940s—a pompador in front and a page boy in back. Ruby's Café has been gone for nearly 40 years, but many old timers still remember it fondly.

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3 Community Support Day Barbecue	4	5 National Night Out	6	7	8	9 Groovin' in the Grove
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24 City of Lodi Birthday 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Pretty Girls Promoted 1949 Grape Festival

Up until the 1980s virtually every community festival, everywhere in the United States, had a queen. This publicity picture depicts Joyce Fuller (left), queen of the 1949 Lodi Grape Festival, and her attendants, Jane McBride and Ruth Wakeham (right), posing with an old-fashioned wine press. The photo appeared in newspapers all over California about a week before the festival and helped draw about 90,000 people to the three-day annual event. (It expanded to four days starting in 1976.) Goodwin Knight, lieutenant governor of California, crowned Queen Joyce in the Grape Bowl at the beginning of the festival, Friday evening, September 16. After the coronation a show was presented featuring the Guardsmen Quartet of radio and movie fame, along with other vaudeville-type acts. The 1949 festival was the first to be held on its own 20-acre plot, at Cherokee Lane and Lockeford Street, which had been purchased by festival directors a year before, under the leadership of Walter Knolhoff, secretary-treasurer. Previously, festival events had been held at various sites: downtown Lodi streets, the armory, several public parks, and the Grape Bowl. (The latter has continued to be used for the presentation of special festival entertainment.) The first building on the festival grounds, the Grape and Wine Pavilion, had been completed in time for the 1949 festival. Other buildings were completed in subsequent years.

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Ask Us about money-market investment and checking accounts.	**1** Field & Fair Day Labor Day	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
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Noontime Lull at Lodi Union High School

STUDENTS ARE SHOWN RELAXING under one of the two pergolas at Lodi Union High School during the lunch hour on a balmy day in 1947. The pergolas bloomed with roses and wisteria, sheltering school walkways for half a century, until 1964, when one was blown down by a windstorm and the other, in weakened condition, was taken down. The pergolas were built at the same time as the school, in 1913, to connect the main building, gymnasium, and manual training building. The school grew over the years. A grandstand, science building, auditorium, shops, and swimming pool were added in the 1920s, followed in later years by various other structures. In 1957 a west campus was started on Pacific Avenue, which was attended by freshmen and sophomores until 1972, when the two campuses became separate schools. The west campus took the name Lodi High School and the old campus became Tokay High School. In 1977 a new Tokay High School was built on Century Boulevard and the old high school fell into disuse. Today, thanks to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the old campus has become Hutchins Street Square, with facilities for drama, dining, lectures, dances, and sports. Hopefully, someday someone will build some new pergolas there.

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5 Lodi Street Faire	6	7	8	9	10	11 American Heart's Heart Ride '97 Yom Kippur
12	13 Columbus Day (Observed)	14	15	16	17	18 Oktoberfest
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26 Daylight Savings Time ends	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	We offer personal service and decisions made locally

Lodi Chamber Membership Drive—through October 28

Oldest Member Was Honored at I.O.O.F. Ceremonies

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES, pictured above, were held Sunday afternoon, November 6, 1949, for a new hall for Lodi Lodge 259, International Order of Odd Fellows, at the corner of Pine Street and Pleasant Avenue. George Kettleman, oldest living member of the lodge, turned the first shovel of dirt. He had been initiated into the organization on March 17, 1891. Also honored at the ceremonies were two other old timers: John and Herman Tecklenburg, members for 56 and 52 years, respectively. Also participating in the historic groundbreaking were Alfred Didreckson, Noble Grand of the lodge; Harold Nagel, master of ceremonies; and Vice-Mayor Harry Tolliver, Past Noble Grand, who gave a brief talk. Others present included Boyd Mitchell, Ray Karker, Paul Cordes, Elton Hatten, and a number of spectators. The two-story building was built on the site, next to the old *News-Sentinel* building, the following year. The lodge rooms were located on the upper floor and retail stores on the ground floor. The lodge, one of the oldest in Lodi, began on May 22, 1877.

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When the Boathouse Went Under—December 9, 1950

A LOT OF SANDBAGS saved Lodi and Woodbridge from the worst effects of a flood which reached its peak on Saturday, December 9, 1950. However, a break in a levee on the Mokelumne River north of Ray School caused 6,000 acres of farm land west of Woodbridge and another 25,000 acres of pasture near Thornton to be inundated. The boathouse at Lodi Lake was also under water that day, as you can see in the photo above. A bridge below the Woodbridge dam crumbled in the swiftly rising waters. Hundreds of volunteers carried sandbags to levees at the south end of Lodi Lake. City manager H.D. Weller said that the volunteers did an excellent job and credited them with keeping many homes from being damaged. Floodlights were set up for the volunteers who worked all Friday night on the levees. Red Cross workers were at the scene dispensing hot coffee and sandwiches. General Mills workers answered a call for more volunteers at 4:30 A.M. Saturday. Within a week the waters subsided and life began to get back to normal. But city workers spent days sweeping water out of the boathouse.

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Phone Operators Had Everybody's Number

"Number Please" was what you heard when you picked up your phone in Lodi during the halcyon days before July 1, 1951—the date the dial system went into effect. Lodi had been one of the last communities in California to enjoy personal telephone service from operators. There was no dial tone. When the operator answered, you told her the number you were calling—something like 942J or 1842. Lodi was a much smaller town; the operators knew many of the numbers. If you didn't know the number, you could tell the operator who you wanted and she would probably connect you anyhow. This picture was taken in 1947, four years before the end of the "number-please" era. This is the old central office of Pacific Telephone at 110 West Pine Street. The women are (left to right, front to rear) Elaine Ogle, Eunice Ware, Maxine Castelanelli, Shirley Ryan, Chief Operator Elsie Brugstahler, Carolyn White, Ida Schmierer, and Clare Wilcox. The operators on duty way in the back are not identified. Lodi has had telephone service for 113 years. The first phone was installed in Graham's Drug Store in 1884. The Sunset Telephone Company started the first exchange in 1897 with 27 phones. That company later became part of Pacific Telephone, now called Pacific Bell.

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Cover Photo: Lodi Comet Cycle Club

These young women—the Lodi Comets—had their own motorcycle club, chartered in the mid-1930s by the American Motorcycle Association. The photo, taken in 1952, shows (left to right) Nancy Webb, Arta Holbrook, Fran Lee, Mayne Mesa, Wilma Erickson, Edith Ehrhardt, Beula Stover, and Minnie Bloom. Other members of the club in the early 1950s, but not shown in the picture, were Betty Janzen, Edith Hamilton, Dorothy Smith, Alice Werner, Ada Dockter, Dolly McGill, and Dorothy McGill. The group went on tours throughout California, sponsored races and other events, and rode in some of the annual Lodi Grape Festival parades.

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